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PROJECTURE, *n. f.* [*projecture*, Fr. *projectura*, Lat.] A jutting out.
TO PROJIN, *v. a.* [a corruption of *prune*.] To lop; to cut; to trim; to prune.
 I hit and *projin* my wings
 After flight, and put new things
 To my shafts.
 The country husbandman will not give the *pruning* knife to a young plant, as not able to admit the scar.
TO PROLA'TE, *v. a.* [*prolatum*, Lat.] To pronounce; to utter.
 The pressures of war have somewhat cowed their spirits, as may be gathered from the accent of their words, which they *prolate* in a whining querulous tone, as if still complaining and crest-fallen.
PROLA'TE, *adj.* [*prolatus*, Lat.] Oblate; flat.
 As to the *prolate* spheroidal figure, though it be the necessary result of the earth's rotation about its own axis, yet it is also very convenient for us.
PROLA'TION, *n. f.* [*prolatum*, Lat.]
 1. Pronunciation; utterance.
 Parrots, having been used to be fed at the *prolation* of certain words, may afterwards pronounce the same.
 2. Delay; act of deserting.
PROLEGOMENA, *n. f.* [*προλεγόμενα*; *prolegomena*, Fr.] Previous discourse; introductory observations.
PROLEPSIS, *n. f.* [*προληψις*; *prolepsis*, Fr.] A form of rhetoric, in which objections are anticipated.
 This was contained in my *prolepsis* or prevention of his answer.
PROLEPTICAL, *adj.* [from *prolepsis*.] Previous; antecedent.
 The *proleptical* notions of religion cannot be so well defended by the professed servants of the altar.
PROLEPTICALLY, *adv.* [from *proleptical*.] By way of anticipation.
PROLETARIAN, *adj.* Mean; wretched; vile; vulgar.
 Like speculators should foresee,
 From pharos of authority,
 Portended mischief farther than
 Low proletarian tything-men.
PROLIFACATION, *n. f.* [*proles* and *facio*, Lat.] Generation of children.
 Their fruits, proceeding from simpler roots, are not so distinguishable as the offspring of sensible creatures, and *prolifications* descending from double origins.
PROLIFIC, *adj.* [*proliferus*, Fr. *proles* and *facio*.] Fruitful.
PROLIFICAL, *adj.* ful; generative; pregnant; productive.
 Main ocean flow'd; not idle, but with warm
 Prolifick humour soft'ning all her globe,
 Fermented the great mother to conceive,
 Sate with genial moisture.
 Every dispute in religion grew *proliferous*, and in ventilating one question, many new ones were started.
 His vital pow'r air, earth and seas supplies,
 And breeds what'er is bred beneath the skies;
 For every kind, by thy *proliferick* might,
 Springs.
 All dogs are of one species, they mingling together in generation, and the breed of such mixtures being *proliferick*.
 From the middle of the world,
 The sun's *proliferick* rays are hurl'd;
 'Tis from that seat he darts those beams,
 Which quicken earth with genial flames.
PROLIFICALITY, *adv.* [from *proliferick*.] Fruitfully; pregnantly.
PROLIX, *adj.* [*prolixus*, Fr. *prolixus*, Latin.]
 1. Long; tedious; not concise.
 According to the caution we have been so *prolix* in giving, if we aim at right understanding the true nature of it, we must examine what apprehension mankind make of it.
 Should I at large repeat
 The head-roll of her vicious tricks,
 My poem would be too *prolix*.
 2. Of long duration. This is a very rare sense.
 If the appellant appoints a term too *prolix*, the judge may then assign a competent term.
PROLIXIOUS, *adj.* [from *prolix*.] Dilatory; tedious. A word of *Shakespeare's* coming.
 Lay by all nice and *prolixious* blushes.
PROLIXITY, *n. f.* [*prolixitas*, Fr. from *prolix*.] Tediousness; tedious length; want of brevity.
 It is true, without any slips of *prolixity*, or crossing the plain highway of talk, that the good Antonio hath lost a ship.
 In some other passages, I may have, to shun *prolixity*, unawares slipped into the contrary extreme.
PROLIXLY, *adv.* [from *prolix*.] At great length; tediously.
 On these *prolaxly* thankful the enlarg'd.
PROLIXNESS, *n. f.* [from *prolix*.] Tediousness.
PROLOCUTOR, *n. f.* [Latin.] The foreman; the speaker of a convocation.
 The convocation the queen prorogued, though at the expense of Dr. Atterbury's displeasure, who was design'd their *prolocutor*.

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PROLOCUTORSHIP, *n. f.* [from *prolocutor*.] The office or dignity of prolocutor.
PROLOGUE, *n. f.* [*πρόλογος*; *prologue*, Fr. *prologus*, Latin.]
 1. Preface; introduction to any discourse or performance.
 Come, sit, and a song.
 Shall we clap into 't roundly, without hawking, or spitting, or saying we are hoarse, which are the only *prologues* to a bad voice?
 In her face excuse
 Came *prologue*, and apology too prompt.
 2. Something spoken before the entrance of the actors of a play.
 If my death might make this island happy,
 And prove the period of their tyranny,
 I would expend it with all willingness;
 But mine is made the *prologue* to their play.
 The peaking cornuto comes in the instant, after we had spoke the *prologue* of our comedy.
TO PROLOGUE, *v. a.* [from the noun.] To introduce with a formal preface.
 He his special nothing ever *prologues*.
TO PROLONG, *v. a.* [*prolonger*, Fr. *pro* and *longus*, Lat.]
 1. To lengthen out; to continue; to draw out.
 Henceforth I fly not death, nor would *prolong*
 Life much.
 2. To put off to a distant time.
 To-morrow in my judgment is too sudden;
 For I myself am not so well provided.
 As else I would be were the day *prolong'd*.
PROLONGATION, *n. f.* [*prolongation*, Fr. from *prolong*.]
 1. The act of lengthening.
 Nourishment in living creatures is for the *prolongation* of life.
 2. Delay to a longer time.
 This ambassage concerned only the *prolongation* of days for payment of monies.
PROLUSION, *n. f.* [*prolusio*, Lat.] Entertainments; performance of diversion.
 It is memorable, which Farnianus Strada, in the first book of his academical *prolusions*, relates of Suarez.
PROMINENT, *adj.* [*prominens*, Lat.] Standing out beyond the near parts; protuberant; extant.
 Whales are described with two *prominent* spouts on their heads, whereas they have but one in the forehead terminating over the windpipe.
 She has her eyes so *prominent*, and placed so that she can see better behind her than before her.
 Two goodly bowls of maffly silver,
 With figures *prominent* and richly wrought.
 Some have their eyes stand so *prominent* as the hare, that they can see as well behind as before them.
PROMINENCE, *n. f.* [*prominentia*, Latin; from *prominens*.]
 1. Protuberance; extant part.
 It shows the nose and eyebrows, with the *prominencies* and fallings in of the features.
PROMISCUOUS, *adj.* [*promiscuus*, Lat.] Mingled; confused; undistinguished.
 Glory he requires, and glory he receives,
Promiscuous love by nations.
Promiscuous love by marriage we restrain'd.
 In rush'd at once a rude *promiscuous* crowd
 The guards, and then each other overbear,
 And in a moment through the theatre.
 No man, that considers the *promiscuous* dispensations of God's providence in this world, can think it unreasonable to conclude, that after this life good men shall be rewarded, and sinners punished.
 The earth was formed out of that *promiscuous* mass of sand, earth, shells, subsiding from the water.
 Clubs, diamonds, hearts, in wild disorder seen,
 With throngs *promiscuous* throw the level green.
 A wild, where weeds and flow'rs *promiscuous* shoot.
PROMISCUOUSLY, *adv.* [from *promiscuus*.] With confused mixture; indiscriminately.
 We beheld where once flood Ilum, called Troy *promiscuously* of Tros.
 That generation, as the sacred writer modestly expresses it, married and gave in marriage without discretion or decency, but *promiscuously*, and with no better a guide than the impulses of a brutal appetite.
 Here might you see
 Barons and peasants on the embattled field,
 In one huge heap, *promiscuously* amass'd.
 Unaw'd by precepts human or divine,
 Like birds and beasts *promiscuously* they join.
PROMISE, *n. f.* [*promissum*, Lat. *promissio*, Fr.]
 1. Declaration of some benefit to be conferred.
 I eat the air, *promise* cramm'd; you cannot feed capons so.
 His *promises* were, as he then was, mighty;
 But his performance, as he now is, nothing.
 O Lord, let thy *promise* unto David be established.
 Behold, the said, perform'd in ev'ry part
 My *promise* made; and Vulcan's labour'd art.
 2. A promise made; and Vulcan's labour'd art.

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Let any man consider, how many sorrows he would have escaped, had God called him to his rest, and then say, whether the *promise* to deliver the just from the evils to come, ought not to be made our daily prayer.
 2. Performance of promise; grant of the thing promised.
 Now are they ready, looking for a *promise* from thee.
 3. Hopes; expectation.
 Your young page Mamilius is a gentleman of the greatest *promise*.
TO PROMISE, *v. a.* [*promittere*, Fr. *promittere*, Lat.]
 1. To make declaration of some benefit to be conferred.
 While they *promise* them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption.
 I could not expect such an effect as I found, which seldom reaches to the degree that is *promised* by the prescribers of any remedies.
TO PROMISE, *v. n.* [from *promittere*.]
 1. To assure one by a promise.
Promising is the very air o' th' time; it opens the eyes of expectation: performance is ever the duller for his act.
 I date *promise* for this play, that in the roughness of the numbers, which was so designed, you will see somewhat more masterly than any of my former tragedies.
 As he *promised* in the law, he will shortly have mercy, and gather us together.
 All the pleasure we can take, when we met these *promising* sparks, is in the disappointment.
 She built my days, with more than human charms;
 Nay *promis'd*, vainly *promis'd* to bestow
 Immortal life.
 2. It is used of assurance, even of ill.
 Will not the ladies be afraid of the lion?
 I fear it, I *promise* you.
PROMISEBREAKER, *n. f.* [*promise* and *break*.] Violator of promise. Not in use.
 Criminal in double violation
 Of sacred chastity, and of *promise* each.
PROMISEBREAKER, *n. f.* [*promise* and *break*.] Violator of promises.
 He's an hourly *promisebreaker*, the owner of no one good quality worthy your entertainment.
PROMISER, *n. f.* [from *promise*.] One who promises.
 Who let this *promiser* in? did you, good Diligence?
 Give him a large *promiser*; who subje'd live
 To that base passion, know not what they give.
PROMISSORY, *adj.* [*promissorius*, Lat.] Containing profession of some benefit to be conferred.
 As the preceptive part enjoins the most exact virtue, so is it most advantageously enforced by the *promissory*, which is most exquisitely adapted to the same end.
 The *promissory* lies of great men are known by shouldering, hugging, queezing, smiling and bowing.
PROMISSORILY, *adv.* [from *promissory*.] By way of promise.
 Nor was he obliged by oath to a strict observation of that which *promissorily* was unlawful.
PROMONT, *n. f.* [*promontorium*, Fr. *promontorium*, Latin.]
PROMONTORY, *n. f.* *Promont* I have observed only in *Suckling's*.
 A headland; a cape; a high land jutting into the sea.
 The land did shoot out with a great *promontory*.
 I have dogs
 Will climb the highest *promontory* top.
 Like one that stands upon a *promontory*,
 And spies a far off shore where he would tread.
 A forked mountain, or blue *promontory*,
 With trees upon't, nod unto the world,
 And mock our eyes with air.
 The waving sea can with each flood
 Bath some high *promont*.
 They, on their heads,
 Main *promontories* hung, which in the air
 Came shadowing, and oppress'd whole legions arm'd.
 Every gust of rugged winds,
 That blows from off each beaked *promontory*,
 It is preferable to an assembly.
TO PROMOTE, *v. a.* [*promovere*, *promotus*, Lat.]
 1. To forward; to advance.
 Next to religion, let your care be to *promote* justice.
 Nothing lovelier can be found,
 Than good works in her husband to *promote*.
 He that talks deceitfully for truth, must hurt it more by his example, than he *promotes* it by his arguments.
 Frictions of the extreme parts *promote* the flux of the juices in the joints.
 2. [*Promouvoir*, Fr.] To elevate; to exalt; to prefer.
 I will *promote* thee unto very great honour.
 Shall I leave my fancies, wherever they honour God and man, and go to be *promoted* over the trees.
 Did I solicit thee
 From darkness to *promote* me.
PROMOTER, *n. f.* [*promoteur*, Fr. from *promote*.]
 1. Advancer; forwarder; encourager.

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Knowledge hath received little improvement from the endeavours of many pretending *promoters*.
 Our Saviour makes this return, fit to be engraven in the hearts of all *promoters* of charity; verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.
 2. Informer; makebate. An obsolete use.
 His eyes be *promoters*, some trespass to spie.
 Informers and *promoters* oppress and ruin the estates of many of his best subjects.
PROMOTION, *n. f.* [*promoti*, n. Fr. from *promote*.] Advancement; encouragement; exaltation to some new honour or rank; preferment.
 Many fair *promotions*
 Are daily given to enoble those,
 That scarce, some two days since, were worth a noble.
 The high *promotion* of his grace of Canterbury,
 Who holds his state at door amongst purpurgants.
 My rising is thy fall,
 And my *promotion* will be thy destruction.
 Thou youngest virgin-daughter of the skies,
 Made in the last *promotion* of the blest;
 Whose palms, new pluck'd from paradise,
 In spreading branches more sublimely rise.
TO PROMOTE, *v. a.* [*promoveo*, Lat. *promoveo*, Fr.] To forward; to advance; to promote. A word little used.
 Never yet was honest man,
 That ever drove the trade of love:
 It is impossible, nor can
 Integrity our ends *promove*.
PROMPT, *adj.* [*promptus*, Fr. *promptus*, Lat.]
 1. Quick; ready; acute; easy.
 The reception of light into the body of the building was very *prompt*, both from without and from within.
 Very discerning and *prompt* in giving orders, as occasions required.
 Prompt eloquence
 Flow'd from their lips, in prose or numerous verse.
 To the stern fustian of th' offended sky,
 My *prompt* obedience bows.
 2. Quick; petulant.
 I was too hasty to condemn unheard;
 And you, perhaps, too *prompt* in your replies.
 3. Ready without hesitation; wanting no new motive.
 Tell him, I'm *prompt*
 To lay my crown at's feet, and there to kneel.
 The brazen age,
 A warlike offspring, *prompt* to bloody rage.
 Still arose some rebel slave,
 Prompter to sink the state, than he to save.
 4. Ready; told down; as, prompt payment.
TO PROMPT, *v. a.* [*promptare*, Italian.]
 1. To assist by private instruction; to help at a loss.
 Sitting in some place, where no man shall *prompt* him, let the child translate his lesson.
 You've put me now to such a part, which never I shall discharge to th' life.
 —Come, come, we'll *prompt* you.
 My voice shall found as you do *prompt* mine ear,
 And I will stoop and humble my intents
 To your well practis'd wife directions.
 None could hold the book so well to *prompt* and instruct this stage play, as the could.
 He needed not one to *prompt* him, because he could say the prayers by heart.
 Every one some time or other dreams he is reading books, in which case the invention *prompts* to readily, that the mind is imposed on.
 Grace shines around her with serene beams,
 And whispering angels *prompt* her golden dreams.
 2. To incite; to instigate.
 The Volscians stand
 Ready, when time shall *prompt* them, to make road
 Upon's again.
 Speak not by th' matter
 Which your heart *prompts* you to, but with such words
 But rooted in your tongue.
 If they *prompt* us to anger, their design makes use of it to a further end, that the mind, being thus disquieted, may not be easily composed to prayer.
 Rage *prompted* them at length and found them arms.
 Kind occasion *prompts* their warm desires.
 3. To remind.
 The inconceivable imperfections of ourselves will hourly *prompt* us our corruption, and loudly tell us we are sons of earth.
PROMPTER, *n. f.* [from *prompt*.]
 1. One who helps a publick speaker, by suggesting the word to him when he falters.
 Were it my cue to fight, I should have known it
 Without a *prompter*.
 In florid imposture he speaks,
 And as the *prompter* breathes, the puppet squeaks.
 2. An